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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 665  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Wilson County Fair on being named the 1999 State Champion Fair in the AAA division of the Tennessee Association of Fairs competition.

WHEREAS, the county fair is a piece of Americana, close to the hearts of the citizens of this state and nation, and has been a showcase of American agricultural bounty, productivity, and ingenuity during most of this nation's history; and

WHEREAS, in this state, the Tennessee Association of Fairs has sought to recognize the merits of those counties which have particularly excelled in the organization of their respective county fairs; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Fair was named the 1999 State Champion Fair in Division AAA, for the fifth time, during the 78th Annual Tennessee Association of Fairs Convention which was held January 27-29, 2000 in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, competing in the division in which county populations exceed 40,000, the Wilson County Fair was selected for the superior quality and total excellence of its overall

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operation, educational value and promotion of local interest in agriculture, and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, reminiscent of fairs long ago, fairgoers rode nostalgic trolleys to the front gate to begin their county fair experience; and

WHEREAS, to the fairgoer's delight, the Wilson County Fair had over 25 live demonstrations, which included various methods of cooking meats and poultry, stained glass, quilting, and even sheep dog training with various sheep and livestock; and

WHEREAS, through its cooperation with local civic groups and organizations, this fair truly reflects life in Wilson County, as illustrated by the 300 dedicated men and women on the Fair Board of Directors helping to ensure the event's success; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson County Fair has historically been strong in agriculture, industry, and community involvement for years. As a prelude to the fair, an authentic cattle drive was held as cattle were driven through the town and fairgrounds, much to the excitement of hundreds of fairgoers; and

WHEREAS, forty-four Wilson County Fair Board members were present at the Convention's awards banquet when the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dan Wheeler, praised the award-winning fair's record attendance; and

WHEREAS, the long tradition of cooperation between the Wilson County Fair and the Wilson County agricultural community is evidenced by the fair winning the coveted first place award for the fifth time; and

WHEREAS, Andy Brummett of the Wilson County Fair was elected President of the Tennessee Association of Fairs for the Year 2000 during the convention. Lebanon High School senior, Deana Boates, was named 2nd Runner-up in the state's Fairest of the Fair Pageant, where she competed against 48 other girls from Tennessee for the title; and

WHEREAS, such a prodigious expenditure of time, talent, personal resources and energy is deserving of the attention, appreciation and respect of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we commend and congratulate the organizers of the Wilson County Fair on winning the 1999 AAA Division Fair State Championship Award from the Tennessee Fair Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.